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1. CINCPAC'S RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR PHASE III OF OPERATION HOMECOMING WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER TOGETHER THE GOP PRESENTATION TO HIM (REF A) AND THE SECURITY SITUATION AS IT HAS DEVELOPED SINCE SUBMISSION OF REF B. IN LATTER REGARD, WE ARE HOPEFUL OF SOMEWHAT GREATER REFINEMENT AND TIMELINESS IN FUTURE INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS ON MINDANAO AND FURTHER SOUTH; AT AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION, TO MARCOS AND SECDEF PONCE ENRILE, AN AFP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AND AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY REGULARLY TO US INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION COVERING ORDER OF BATTLE AND INCIDENTS AS WELL AS AFP'S APPRECIATION OF SITUATION.

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2. EMBASSY AND JUSMAG ARE CONTINUING JOINT STUDY OF MARCOS' REQUEST FOR EXPANDED AND ACCELERATED DELIVERY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. PER REF C, ALL EMBASSY TRAFFIC CONCERNING ACCELERATION OR ADD ON OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO BOTH STATE AND DOD. THE GOP' S LIST OF MATERIEL REQUIREMENTS, REFERRED TO IN REF A, WAS FORWARDED BY JUSMAG AS REF D TO CINCPAC AND DOD, AND WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT NOW HAS IT AVAILABLE. CHIEF JUSMAG' S PRELIMINARY COMMENTS WERE ORIGINALLY PASSED ONLY TO CINCPAC (REF E) WITH INDICATION THAT COUNTRY TEAM VIEWS WOULD FOLLOW. I HAVE NOW ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS MESSAGE BE REPEATED TO STATE AND DOD.

3. SINCE DISPATCH OF REF E, JUSMAG HAS CONTINUED ITS ANALYSIS OF THIS SUBMISSION, WITH A VIEW TO (A) ELIMINATION OF SOME ERRORS NOW ACKNOWLEDGED BY AFP AS A CONSEQUENCE OR HURRIED PREPARATION TO MEET MARCOS' DEADLINE, AND (B) COSTING OF THOSE ITEMS FOR WHICH REQUIREMENTS ARE VALID WHILE SEPARATING MOST URGENT FROM LESS PRESSING NEEDS. WHEN JOINTED WITH EMBASSY INPUT FOR AMBASSADOR' S REVIEW, THIS ANALYSIS WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF GOP BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO MAP PROCUREMENT AND INTENDED DEFENSE PRODUCTION UNDER SELF- RELIANCE PROGRAM. BYROADE

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